

HONORING THE ELLIS ISLAND TARTAN

(Mr. LANCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 10th annual celebration of Tartan Day on Ellis Island.

The tartan is the definitive symbol of Scotland. No other fabric or pattern is so steeped in tradition, and for the past 10 years, Tartan Day on Ellis Island has promoted Scottish history, heritage, and culture under the leadership and guidance of the Clan Currie Society, one of the largest Scottish heritage organizations in the United States. This year, the Clan Currie Society will be unveiling a new American tartan, the Ellis Island tartan, in honor of National Tartan Day on April 6.

The American tartan's fabric is steeped in colors that represent the experiences of all of those who have traveled to the United States over the last century in search of the American Dream. The tartan's blue illustrates the great Atlantic Ocean, the copper-green in honor of the Statue of Liberty, red signifying the bricks of the historic buildings on Ellis Island, and the gold representing America's golden door, walked through by millions as they looked to this new land as the land of opportunity.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating Mr. Bob Currie and the entire Clan Currie Society in the unveiling of this American tartan, the Ellis Island tartan, and for their years of hard work honoring and recognizing the contributions that Scots and Scottish Americans have made to our great Nation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

(Mr. ENGEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent the entire city of Mount Vernon, New York, and today I rise to congratulate the Mount Vernon Knights high school basketball team for winning the New York State Federation Tournament of Champions, Class AA. They beat Christ the King from New York City, the winner of last year's championship, 84-78 in overtime on Sunday in Albany, New York.

Jabarie Hinds led his team with 14 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter and overtime to earn MVP honors as Mount Vernon won its fifth State Federation title in program history.

Congratulations also to Coach Bob Cimmino on his fourth championship. His team won their last 10 games and snapped the 12-game winning streak of Christ the King.

Mount Vernon showed its grit and determination by coming back after being down 20-11 after one quarter and

33-28 at the half. The Knights took the lead with less than 1 minute in regulation and never trailed after that.

Other high scorers for Mount Vernon were Khalid Samuels with 21 points and Isaiah Cousins with 12.

Mount Vernon, representing the Public High School Athletic Association in Westchester, got to the title game with a 70-63 win over Boys and Girls High School of New York City in Saturday's semifinal round.

Congratulations to these players and their coach. While March Madness has gripped the rest of the Nation, in Mount Vernon we are very proud of our Knights. I am sure these champions have a bright future and will look back proudly at their accomplishment in the years to come.

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WAR IN THE NAME OF HUMANITY

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Middle East is in turmoil. Citizens are in revolt and are ousting their dictators. One of the worst rulers is Muammar Qadhafi in Libya. Qadhafi is so bad, the President has involved the United States military in support of the rebels there.

However, Secretary of Defense Gates has stated our national security interest is not at risk in Libya. So why are we there?

It seems to me this war is being waged under a new "Doctrine of Humanity." In other words, the United States will now decide when to drop bombs on another country in the name of humanity when a ruler we don't like acts against humanity. This fuzzy emotional doctrine ultimately gives a President the unilateral ability to intervene militarily anywhere the President doesn't like the way a foreign ruler treats his people.

The President needs to clarify this doctrine of "War in the Name of Humanity." What constitutional authority gives the President the right to enter another country's civil war when our national security is not at risk? America needs some answers.

And that's just the way it is.

OBAMA'S LACK OF LEADERSHIP ON LIBYA

(Mr. FLEMING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, with regard to the "kinetic military action" in Libya, it appears the tail is wagging the dog. The President first says we won't go but Qadhafi must. Then he says we must go but not Qadhafi. He consults the Arab league before his own Congress and then telegraphs to the enemy our mission limitations, yet does not clearly define the mission or

goals to the American people. Then he bombs people and calls it a humanitarian act.

I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. I don't understand this new value system the President is asking us to accept. Let me suggest instead that our President in future conflicts consult the American people and Congress first, then build a coalition, then lead that coalition with a clearly defined mission, taking nothing off the table rather than being pressured into action by other world leaders.

CONGRATULATING PENN STATE UNIVERSITY ON 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNDERGRADUATE EXHIBITION

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Penn State University on the 20th anniversary of the Undergraduate Exhibition.

Last year the House passed House Resolution 1654, a measure expressing support for designation of the week of April 11, 2011, as Undergraduate Research Week. This week recognizes the importance of undergraduate research and encourages colleges and universities, businesses, and other organizations to recognize the occasion.

It is fitting that this week coincides with Penn State's 20th annual Undergraduate Exhibition, scheduled April 12 and 13. Penn State's annual Undergraduate Exhibition communicates and celebrates these same priorities: that research and development of critical thinking are fundamental to American competitiveness and our success as a Nation. Penn State continues to thrive as one of the top research universities in the country through programs such as the Undergraduate Exhibition which encourage participation of undergraduate students in research and creative endeavors.

I congratulate the students, teachers, and staff at Penn State for their tireless pursuit of knowledge and creativity.

THE NORFORK AND GREERS FERRY NATIONAL FISH HATCHERIES

(Mr. CRAWFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD Arkansas House Resolution 1014 that was recently passed on February 24 of this year by the Arkansas House of Representatives.

Fish hatcheries at the Norfolk and Greers Ferry Dams are vital components of the economy in north central Arkansas. They provide vital fish stock not only to Arkansas' waterways but to Arkansas' neighbors as well, and